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1. In Austria, the Senior Representative of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) is Aleksandr Petrovich Brazhnikov. His office occupies rooms 101, 102 and 103 at the Hotel Imperial in Vienna. Brazhnikov graduated from the Institute of Finance in Moscow as an engineer-economist and is considered to be very intelligent and capable. He has an immediate staff of five people. 25X1
2. As executive representative of the Central Committee, Brazhnikov is considered by other Soviets to be the most powerful Soviet official in Austria. Directives and decisions by the Soviet High Commissioner of Austria are presumed to be received by Brazhnikov, whose influence, in foreign policy matters, although not official, is supposedly extensive.<sup>1</sup>
3. Brazhnikov's main function is the control of the CPSU in Austria and the dissemination of current Party views. He passes Moscow directives to his "cell", which is a group of first secretaries from the various major CPSU units in Austria, including the following: 25X1

The Office of the Soviet High Commissioner in Austria

The Political Section of the Central Group of Forces in Austria<sup>2</sup>

Soviet Trade Delegation in Austria 25X1

USIA

Forestry Administration of USIA (less)

Soviet Oil Administration 25X1

Danube Steamship Company (DDSG)

4. The CPSU in USIA. In Brazhnikov's cell, the CPSU in USIA is represented by its First Secretary Gregory Alexandrovich Krylov. Krylov and his secretary are the only two officials in USIA who work full time on Communist Party matters. Krylov exercises the same political power in the USIA headquarters at the Trattnerhof

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that Brazhnikov does in the Hotel Imperial. It is quite possible that Krylov, who has a mechanical engineering background, frequently "advises" Piotr A. Gritchin the General Director of USIA, on how to manage USIA affairs.

5. Krylov's Party cell within USIA consists of about 12 members. It is made up of the secretaries from the various USIA divisions as well as up to three representatives from individual factories and the USIA staff in the Trattnerhof. It includes Ivan Alexandrovich Andronov, who is CPSU Secretary for the USIA division A/O Kabel.
6. The CPSU in Division Kabel. In A/O Kabel, Andronov is assisted by four USIA officials of his division who form his executive bureau. The total membership of the CPSU in A/O Kabel is 22.
7. Meetings of the CPSU in A/O Kabel are held at least once a month, but frequently two or three meetings per month are ordered. The meetings are devoted to Central Committee directives, lectures on the deportment of Soviets in Austria, work discipline of Soviet as well as Austrian employees, discussion of new production plans evolved by Moscow and their fulfillment.
8. Attendance at Party meetings is compulsory. The interest in Party matters at Kabel is so small that members would not attend at all if attendance were optional. Absences are justifiable for only the following reasons:
  - a. Illness which, according to a doctor's certificate, confined the individual to bed.
  - b. Exceptional circumstances such as accidents, fire, temporary duty assignments to another area.
  - c. Prior excuse by the Secretary after a justifiable reason for the proposed absence has been presented and accepted.

1 Comment. Serious and unbridgeable differences that the Soviet High Commissioner of Austria might have with Brazhnikov, would have to be referred, in the highest instance, to the Presidium of the Central Committee for a decision.

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2 Comment. The Central Group of Forces in Hungary sends its CPSU representatives to the Party "apparat" in Hungary.

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Comment. The existence of Less as a separate unit in Brazhnikov's CPSU "apparat" is based on its geographical expanse and does not alter the fact of its subordination to the General Director of USIA on other matters.

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1 Comment. Andronov is the General Director of Osram A.G., which is a firm in A/O Kabel.

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